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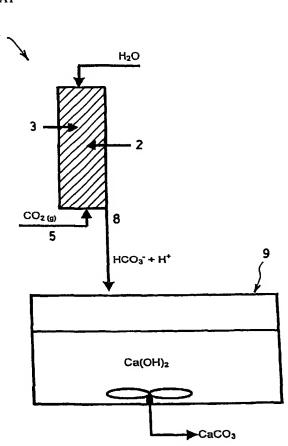
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method for improving the production yield of precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC). The improvement resides in the use of an enzymatic bioreactor that supplies HCO3 into the reaction enabling to produce PCC without bubbling gaseous carbon dioxide in the aqueous solution. The present invention has an industrial applicability, namely in the pulp and paper industry.



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